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on Markup of H.R. 5252, a Committee Print on the Communications

Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act of 2006

House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet

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Mr. Chairman, I strongly support your efforts to develop legislation that will create more competition in the broadband marketplace for video services, but I'm very concerned that as this legislation opens the door to Bell competition in IP video, it closes the door to the open, competitive market for the delivery of Internet content and services.

It's important that the legislation recognizes the critical issue of Network Neutrality, but the legislation offers little protection for consumers, Internet companies, and, most importantly, innovation.

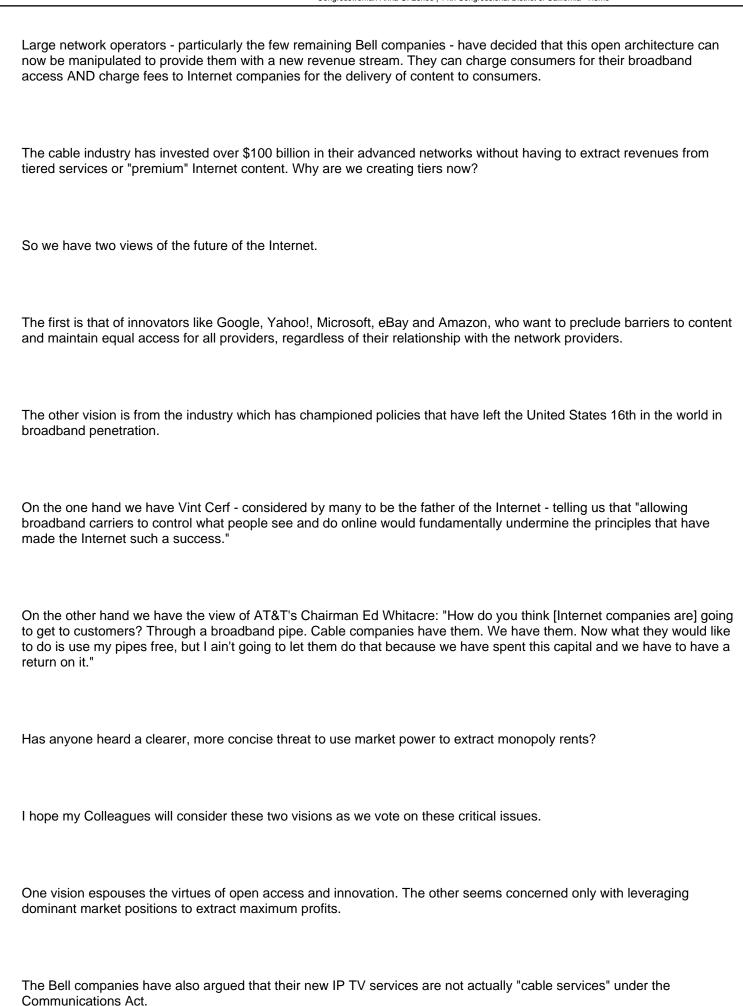
We need strong, enforceable rules to prohibit discrimination against web content based on where it originates - all like content should be treated equally and I will be offering an amendment to accomplish this.

We need to step back and examine this issue about Net Neutrality, which I don't believe is broadly understood.

Since its inception, the Internet has been characterized by its open architecture and freedom from barriers to access to any content, from any provider, anywhere in the world.

This structure has enabled the rapid pace of innovation that have made the names of college students like Jerry Yang of Yahoo! and Larry Page and Sergey Brin from Google household words. Most importantly, spectacular new innovations and services to billions of users have evolved.

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If that's the case - and I don't believe it is - then why are we even here? What's the point of this bill?
I will be offering an amendment to the definition of "cable services" under the Act and this bill to make clear that yes the bill does apply to IP TV.
Related Documents:
Rep Eshoo's letter to Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Rep. Barton and Ranking Member Rep. Dingell urging a more open, broad-based discussion with Members of the Committee on the broadband telecommunications legislation.

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